

Hello Vendors,

With events at a previous con and TrotCon in December, we thought it would be a good idea to give all of you a heads up on items that either are hate symbols, or can be used as hate symbols/identification with a hate group. The list below is not all inclusive but contains known hate symbols from the fandom and other items that are lesser known as hate symbols but are rising in their use as a covert way to spread hate messages. Please take a minute to familiarize yourself with the items in this listing and feel free to reach out to us if you have any questions.

KNOWN HATE SYMBOLS:

14: This number is associated directly with “the 14 words” and is used in many formats such as roman numerals. This is a direct reference to neo-nazism.

23: This number, as above, is a reference to a known skinhead gang as their “23 precepts”.

8, 88, 18: This is a common set of numbers used as the 8th letter of the alphabet is H, and as such 88 is used as a heil H**tler, and 18 is AH which is the initials of said person.

1488: A common nazi identifier used as a combination of two of the above hate symbols.

Aryanne: This is a mlp OC made from 4chan, which is a white pony with blonde hair and blue eyes, this pony has a cutie mark of a heart that sometimes contains a swastika or, as groups like to call it to avoid takedowns for being a hate symbol, a windmill. May also be drawn dressed in WW2 german military uniforms of different styles and branches, most notably as a member of the ss.



Daughter of Aryanne/Luft Krieg: This is a white filly with blonde hair and blue eyes. Mainly used to trick artists into drawing a hate symbol. Once the art is finished, it is common for the artists to receive threats and hate raids from the people friendly to the person who commissioned the art. This seems to be a way for racist and white supremacist communities to try and bully artists who are disabled, LGBTQIA+ friendly, and/or outspoken against hate offline and out of communities as the image is unassuming and not as well known as other hate images in the fandom.



Southern Plantation AppleJack: This is a circulation of a picture and idea of applejack, usually in a white suit with a black tie, often sipping from a glass. This is often associated with slavery in the south of the United States. Full image below but recently, they have cut applejack out of the image as a standalone and posted to try and slip past the identity as a hate symbol.



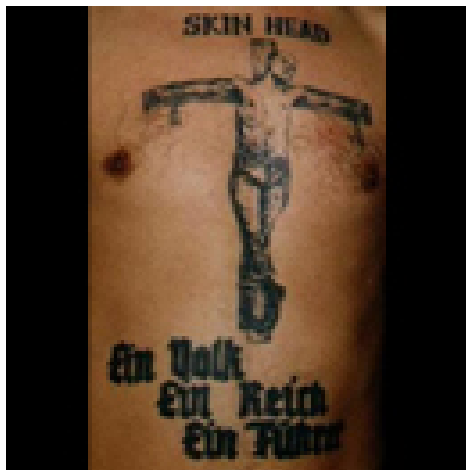
Zyklon: this is the name of the chemical that was most used in the concentration camps of World War 2 and has seen some use in recent attempts to spread hate as the name of OCs.

Blood Drop: This is a red drop with the tail curling up on the left side, this is the center of the blood cross, which is the symbol of the KKK. The blood drop can be used as a stand alone image to try and avoid it's connection with hate groups and messaging.



Skrewdriver: This is the name of a punk rock turned white supremacist band, often a signal for other white supremacists.

Crucified Corpse: This is a cross with a crucified corpse (with no beard or hair) with or without the words "One people, One Empire, One Leader" below it. The words may not be in English as the example below is in German.



These next few items are a little more ambiguous, so we urge you to review them on a case by case basis. Things like Norse Runes, Anon Filly, and others are not in and of themselves hate symbols or identifiers for hate groups, but can be used as such so we want to point them out to you.

Pepe the frog: this character that was popular on 4chan has become a symbol sometimes associated with white supremacist and racist messages/ideologies.

Clown Octavia: This is an image of Octavia in a clown wig with or without clown makeup. It has been proven to be associated with the now infamous and deactivated fren world sub reddit and the far right. During the creation of this document, we could not find it online anymore but wanted to point it out as staffers remember seeing it at a TrotCon of the past.

The letter Z or V in a stand alone fashion: This is being used as a marking in support of Russia's invasion of Ukraine. The invading force marked their vehicles with a white V or a Z, sometimes set in a white rectangle. Other letters were also used, but these two were the most prominent in media, later becoming a symbol of support.

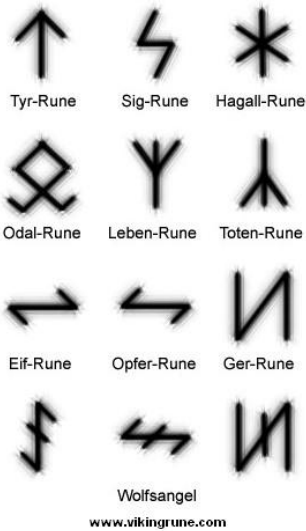
Anon Filly: This is sometimes being used as an identifier for people involved with Qanon and possibly the alt right as well as possibly those involved in hate raid activity within the community. Can be in image, used as part of a badge banner for people to identify together, or as a plushie. It is also sometimes being used as a dog whistle as many in the community do not see it as a link to potential hate groups so it can be used to lure people into communities that work to radicalize/convert them into messages of hate.



Mjolnir aka, Thor's Hammer: This Norse symbol in both its classic and newer Marvel incarnations are being used as a symbol to identify other people in white power groups.

Norse Runes: Many Norse runes, but mostly the ones pictured above, are also being used by many hate groups to identify members. For more information:

<https://www.vikingrune.com/2009/07/norse-runic-third-reich-symbols/>



An important note on Norse symbols: While the alt right has been known to use these for years, there are a growing number of members of the LGBTQIA+ community beginning to follow the Norse faith. They are actively working to try and reclaim these symbols for their original intended purposes as well as peaceful messaging. Be sure to review context in depth before associating symbols with hate groups. There are also large online repositories you can review for common association of runes or other Norse imagery associated with hate groups.

MAGA/Let's Go Brandon/FJB: These are highly charged political statements inside of the US right now.